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USC wins two, but finishes second in tourney



Gamecock forward Clark Brisson shields the ball from an Akron defender in USC's 1-0 win over the Zips Sunday in the Met Life Classic at The Graveyard. Brisson scored the game-winning goal in Saturday's 3-2 win over UCLA and was named to the All-Tournament team.

Seminoles scalp Gamecocks

By STEPHEN GUILFOYLE Staff Writer

A tale of three quarterbacks.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

Worst, because the seventh-rated quarterback in NCAA Division I-A history is benched for the rest of the season by a serious injury to his knee.

Best, because two other quarterbacks are getting chances to have their dreams fulfilled.

Junior quarterback Dickie De-Masi, battered and bruised by an aggressive Florida State defense, was hammered for six sacks for 45 yards of losses in USC's 35-10 loss to te Seminoles at Doak Campbell Stadium.

But in the midst of that advert sity, he still showed the poise to lead the Gamecocks on a touch-

On the 11th possession of the first half, after the Seminoles had scored their third unanswered touchdown, USC receiver Eddie

Miller fielded the kickoff at the 11 and took it 15 more yards, giving USC good field position one of the few times it had the ball.

The drive opened with backup tailback Albert Haynes running up the middle for a gain of 1 yard. After taking a timeout, DeMasi was looking long for receiver Robert Brooks, but it was incomplete. USC then called upon tailback Harold Green, who responded with a 12-yard run on third and

With a fresh first down at the 39, George Rush, playing at the fullback position in a I-formation, went up the middle on a delay and gained 3 yards. Then DeMasi hit Eddie Miller for a gain of 15 yards. Green carried the ball one more time on the drive for 1 yard.

Then the dreams DeMasi has been telling the media about came he had to handle the pressure. He had already been sacked

I came up to the line of scrim-

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mage and I saw that they were go-

ing to be blitzing — the safeties

were creeping up a little bit," said

DeMasi. "And I knew I had Eddie

Miller on a post, so I dropped

back, and I didn't see Eddie break

yet, but I felt the pressure coming

catch it - I wasn't sure how he

caught it because I got hit - but I

got up and saw Eddie looping ar-

ound the outside and I said, 'Boy,

"That was a good feeling," he

USC had two other chances to

score, twice they were within field

goal range and brought in Collin

He missed a 49-yard attempt in

the first quarter, but redeemed

himself later by hitting a 36-yarder

halfway through the fourth quarter.

But the tale of the game was

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"I wasn't sure if he was going to

and I just released it.

that's a touchdown."

Gamecocks' victories in Met Life Classic almost guarantee NCAA tournament bid

By CHRIS SILVESTRI

Sports Editor

The USC soccer team finished the Met Life Classic soccer tournament undefeated and untied - yet they had to settle for second place.

The Gamecocks defeated UCLA, 3-2, and Akron, 1-0. However, the Bison from the University of Howard, who also finished the tournament with two wins and no losses, claimed first place through a goal diffe-

Howard defeated UCLA, 2-0, and Akron, 3-1, giv- front of the net who put the ball away. ing them a goal differential of four goals, while USC's was only two.

In Sunday's at game at The Graveyard against Akron, the Gamecocks used a first half goal by forward Jeff Love and solid play from goaltender Chris Foley to take the victory.

"We needed another win to assure us of an NCAA playoff bid," USC head coach Mark Berson said. 'And I think that definitely helped our chances a lot today. We'll have to wait and see '

The playoff bids to the NCAA tournament will be given out sometime today.

remaining in the first half, when Clark Brisson broke rect kick with 10:59 remaining to play. free inside the penalty box drawing out the goalie. Brisson then passed off to a wide open Jeff Love in

"This was one great soccer game (against UCLA) between two of the best teams in the nation. I'm very, very pleased. This was clearly our best performance of the year."

Mark Berson

"Not only does it help us in terms of getting an NCAA bid," Berson said. "It also helps us in terms of playing well going into the NCAA tournament."

The Gamecocks, now 15-2-2, withstood a relentless Akron attack in the second half, including a diving one-handed save by Foley, to preserve the win.

Saturday's game against UCLA was a classic clash between two of the nation's elite soccer teams.

Six yellow cards flashed, two players had to be carried off the field and a goal in the second overtime period decided the match.

USC clinched a 3-2 victory over the third-ranked The deciding goal came with just under 15 minutes Bruins when Brisson scored from a set play off a di-

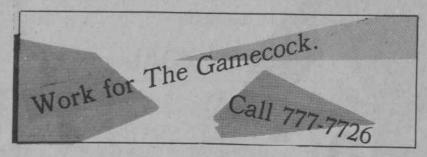
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USC runningback Harold Green struggles to find running room against N.C. State. Green had the same problem this past weekend against Florida State in the Gamecocks 35-10 loss.



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